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## **AESD Executive Board Meeting**

**February 23, 2016**

**12:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**I CALL TO ORDER:**

President, Gary Coe called to order the meeting of the Executive Board at 12:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2016. Members participated in reciting the pledge of allegiance. This meeting was held in the Chinook room of the Puget Sound ESD 121, Renton, Washington.

**II ATTENDANCE RECORD:**

The following persons were present:

**ESD Superintendents**

Anderson, Dr. Dana, ESD 113  
Dunn, Dr. Michael, ESD 101  
Jenkins, Jerry, ESD 189  
Lynch, Greg, ESD 114  
McBride, Dr. Rich, ESD 171  
Merlino, Tim, ESD 112  
Myers, Steve, ESD 105  
Welch, John, ESD 121

**ESD Board Members**

Anthony, Rick ESD 113  
Coe, Gary, President, ESD 101  
Graham, Dr. Richard, ESD 112  
Grassel, Mark, ESD 105  
Johnson, Carl, ESD 114  
Kirkley, Merle, ESD 189  
MacGuffie, Larry, ESD 171

**Others Present**

Abersfeller, Beverly attending for Bruce Wildfang, ESD 123  
Henderson, JoAnn attending for Bruce Hawkins, ESD 123  
Meuret, Cathy, ESD 171  
Powell, Morgan WSSDA  
Shoemake, Dr. Jim, AESD Executive Services

### III 2016 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

The meeting was opened with a legislative update from Marcia Fromhold who joined by telephone. The House budget came out February 22 and does not contain anything harmful to ESDs. The youth suicide bill is not funded in the House budget. The Senate budget comes out on February 24. The Senate passed a bill that was exactly like the House bill that continues the work of the Governor's work group and contains specific things that the work group has to make recommendations to the legislature about (definition of basic ed. etc.) The preliminary report from the work group is due in September; a final report is due in November. The bills regarding levy cliffs and charter schools will likely be a last day decision.

Dr. Shoemake continued the legislative update. He said that in years past, everything has been voted on according to party lines. This year, there are some issues that are not being voted on according to party lines. One issue was the Charter School bill. It passed the Senate with a 27 to 20 vote; the 27 majority was made up of 15 Republicans and 12 Democrats. Dana Anderson attended the hearing for SB 6243, concerning a training program for educators and parents to develop students' social and emotional skills to help prevent youth suicide. The preamble to the bill states that suicide is the second leading cause of death among young people in Washington State. The bill has a fiscal note of 2.3 million dollars; it is a good opportunity for the ESDs to shift focus to social, emotional and behavioral health.

Steve Myers shared progress regarding SB 6620, concerning a statewide plan for funding cost-effective methods for school safety, which he has been working on for three years. He thinks there is finally progress and that representatives are becoming cognizant of the need for increased school safety. Greg Lynch also expressed optimism regarding progress on this issue.

### IV CONSENT AGENDA:

After review, a motion was made by Dick Graham to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda without change. The motion was seconded by Rick Anthony and the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

#### Items on the Consent Agenda included:

- Approval of 11.19.15 meeting minutes
- 2015-16 AESD Meeting Calendar/Schedule
- 2015-16 Single Point of Contact/Champions List

### V ACCREDITATION SPRING PLANNING:

Jerry Jenkins updated the board regarding Accreditation panels. At previous meetings, it was discussed whether or not NWESD should continue to facilitate accreditation; superintendents agreed that they wanted NWESD to do so. Jerry asked on behalf of NWESD to move forward. A motion was made by Larry MacGuffie and seconded by Rick Anthony. It was unanimously approved that NWESD would continue with accreditation planning.

### VI DRAFT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT:

Input from all nine ESDs regarding the proposed AESD Constitutional amendment has been received and was mostly positive. Two ESDs were not supportive. The issue will go to vote at the AESD Annual Conference in April.

### VII NETWORK 2.0 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:

John Welch shared that each ESD Board has passed the new Interlocal Agreement, meaning each board authorized its superintendent to execute the Interlocal Agreement. For new superintendents, the Interlocal Agreement will be part of onboarding.

### VIII AESD ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE:

Mark Grassel updated the board regarding AESD annual conference in April. The Executive Board meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup> at noon followed by the opening reception at 4.30. Dinner will be on your own. Please register by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Steve Myers shared that there have been some changes in speakers; Randy Dorn is not going to be attending but OSPI Chief of Staff Ken Kanikeberg will speak on Randy's behalf. Steve indicated that nearly \$12,000 in sponsorships has been raised so far

**IX CONFERENCE PLANNER POSITION UPDATE:**

Dana Anderson said that Shiloh, their staff member at ESD 113 who has been doing conference and event coordination, has been doing very well. She has been working on credit templates, resources and tools, conference event management etc. She is actively working with 105 on our current year conference as well as with 189 and 123 on the 2017 and 2018 conferences respectively. She is also working on a registration system with University of Oregon and led the redesign of the Starting Strong website.

**X POTENTIAL JOINT MEETING WITH OREGON'S ESD ASSOCIATION:**

Rick Anthony shared that the meeting with Oregon's ESD Association has been set; it is going to be a joint planning committee meeting and will be April 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in Yakima (the day before AESD's Annual Conference begins). Meals and lodging will be provided to the OESD attendees. If anyone has any ideas for agenda planning with the Oregon ESD Superintendents, please contact Rich, Gary, John or Rick.

**XI SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL BENCHMARK GROUP UPDATE:**

Gary Coe announced that AESD nominated Mick Miller from ESD 101 to be part of the social/emotional benchmark committee. The benchmarks are due to the legislature by November 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. There are a number of representatives from different education organizations and the group has met six times. They have reviewed social/emotional benchmark standards from a number of different states.

**XII AESD WEBSITE UPDATE:**

When the ESD Superintendents group met last week, there was some discussion regarding the website. The AESD website was developed very early on and the network has dramatically outgrown the website. The website needs to be upgraded, the question is how much is it going to cost and who is going to do it.

**XIII AESD DRAFT BUDGET PRESENTATION 2016-17:**

Rich McBride has been working with Christopher Carlile, Director of Finance at WSSDA, on historical income statements for AESD. AESD's ending balance at the end of August 2015 was \$81,119.45. WSSDA's bill for services was not included in this total; that bill is \$6,900. The budget was provided in draft form, recommended approval will be asked for in April.

**XIV CORWIN PRESS UPDATE:**

Jacob Bruno, Director of Strategic Partnerships from Corwin Press, expressed interest to John Welch in partnering with AESD. Corwin Press is a major partner of AESA and does professional learning materials for adults, provides speakers for seminars, and education reform publishing. Jacob asked about conference sponsorship for next year's AESD conference. John Welch is going to connect him with Shiloh and Dana.

**XV AESD VIDEO PROJECT UPDATE:**

Dick Graham shared that the AESD video will be ready for review in Yakima before it goes out to everybody. This is an AESD project, not an ESD 112 project. A lot of school boards are uninformed about their ESD; hopefully this video will help in educating them.

**XVI AESA UPDATE:**

Congress replaced the No Child Left Behind Act with ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act). Senator Patty Murray was very involved. For the first time ever, the US Department of Education has asked for a member of AESA to sit on the council for regulations. AESA's new Executive Director, Dr. Joan Wade, is being asked to serve on that council.

The AESA Annual Conference will be in Savannah, Georgia the first week in December.

**XVII OTHER BUSINESS:**

Rich testified in the Idaho Senate and House Education committees. Idaho is one of four remaining states that do not have educational service agencies. They are going to begin with just one, in the Coeur D'Alene area. AESD has offered to guide and mentor.

**XVII ADJOURNMENT:**

President Coe adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Morgan Powell, Policy Program Specialist, WSSDA

Next Meeting: 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at ESD 105 Yakima